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**"I am adamantly opposed to human cloning, no matter what the purpose,"** said Rep. Melancon. **"**  
**This bill is not an anti-cloning bill at all, but rather a clone-and-kill bill that requires cloned embryos to be destroyed after they have served their purposes in a lab. As someone who supports a culture of life, I could not vote for this bill."**

**"I and most Americans believe that the United States needs a comprehensive ban on cloning to create human embryos, regardless of what they might be used for. Many other countries - including France, Germany and Canada - already have such a ban. The United States needs to catch up and once and for all ban this nightmarish practice of cloning human life."**

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